

Second generation exchange student

Many students might remember Simon Kakuta being here at foreign exchange PHS two years ago. Now, just



Photo by Wes Phelps

after a few short years, his little brother, Marko, is here. Marko is from Humenne, Slovakia. In his home he resides with his mother, father and Simon.

At age 17, this is his first time being in America. He says everything is so different in Paoli than it is in Slovakia.

In Paoli, Kakuta lives with the Claxton family; Ben Claxton is a junior.

Marko participates in football and plans on playing basketball. This is his first time ever playing football, but he really enjoys it. However, when it comes to basketball Kakuta is no stranger.

He has played basketball before and says it is not much different in America, only the players have better shots.

“Basketball is a very interesting and intelligent game to me,” said Kakuta. He plays the position of a shooting forward. Kakuta does not plan on playing any college sports.

Kakuta will be heading back across the sea this December, but he is not done with his schooling. Upon returning to Slovakia, he plans on attending college to become a veterinarian.

Though Kakuta is only staying one semester at Paoli, it has affected his life and gave him a new perspective, the one thing he will miss about Paoli is how his life has changed from being in Slovakia to here in America.

“My life is easier here,” said Kakuta.



My Chemical Romance with Ke\$ha

I’m different. I’m only saying what you’re all thinking. “Does that guy really listen to THAT pop star sing about how love is her drug?” Yes, ladies and gents. Yes, he does.

But I also listen to a lot of other, shall we say manlier, music.

Right next to the Ke\$ha on my iPod are bands such as Metallica, Slayer, Avenged Sevenfold, Weezer, The Beatles and My Chemical Romance.

See? I’m not JUST a Ke\$ha fanatic, although I definitely purchased the new single from her sophomore album *Cannibal* only hours after it was released. *We R Who We R* brings Ke\$ha’s signature tech-heavy, talk-singing pop music back for another round, as she once again makes a party anthem worthy of the sickest dance clubs.

I can’t help but think that the song might as well have been called *Tik Tok 2*, because it is just as good as the song that made her the global pop sensation she is today (although still, for some unfathomable reason, in the shadow of that witch Lady Gaga).

Ke\$ha really doesn’t venture out from her roots much on this one, although the pop-dance formula she’s created doesn’t

really need to be altered that much to begin with. Anyone who enjoyed *Animal* (her first album) will definitely enjoy *Cannibal* because it’s basically the same album with the exact same sound but somehow still manages to sound completely fresh. How she does it, I’ll never know.

And now for the album that I am as, if not more, excited for is the long-awaited fourth studio album by post-punk rockers My Chemical Romance.

This band has been one of my favorites since I first caught wind of them in summer of 2005 with their album *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*. In 2006, their third album *Welcome to the Black Parade* garnered the band much deserved global attention, leading to a massive tour, and unfortunately, little to no studio time to record some new music. In the meantime, I’ve listened to their entire back catalogue, including B-sides and their first album *I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love*.

People acquainted with any of their past stuff will be blown away by their new album *Danger Days: The Fabulous Life of the True Killjoys*. They take everything they’ve

learned from their first three rock forays and combine them all into one huge melting pot of musical masterpiece.

The raw, gritty sound from their first album?

Present.

The catchy, radio-friendly feel from their second album?

Present.

The theatricality and beautiful concept of their third album?

Present, in abundance.

In essence, this album has it all. From the upbeat punk feel of their lead single, *Na Na Na*, to the slightly more mellow and more mature follow up single, *The Only Hope For Me Is You*, this album is so full of different musical elements all bundled up under the guise of a rock opera that it’s simply impossible not to immediately love. My Chemical Romance has definitely outdone themselves this time, and it’s about time too.

Look for both *Cannibal* and *Danger Days* on shelves November 22, and then buy them.



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who was Homecoming King with Queen...

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Senior Will Kimble

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Getting To Know:

Meet: *Clay Burnette*

The sport I play is: *Basketball*

When I'm not practicing on my skills I am:
Skating, playing guitar, worshipping

I am currently employed at:

Wendy's

My swag comes from:

Pac-sun

My biggest pet peeve is:

Unorganized Rooms

One thing people don't know about me is:

I have O.C.D.

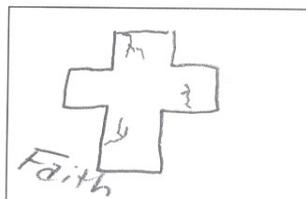
If I could be a celebrity I would be:

Paul Rodriguez

My favorite band is:

lot of worship bands

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